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Abstract

Description:

The Bacterial DNA Extraction protocol leverages the robustness of the Zymobiomics DNA extraction method, introducing specific modifications to ensure the yield of high-quality DNA that is compatible with both short-read and long-read sequencing platforms. This method facilitates the extraction of genomic DNA from a broad range of bacterial species, including those that have traditionally posed challenges due to complex cell walls. The extracted DNA boasts both integrity and purity, making it ideal for downstream applications like whole-genome sequencing, metagenomic analyses, and other genomic studies.

Key Features:

- 1. Compatibility:** The protocol is amenable for DNA preparation suitable for a myriad of sequencing platforms including Illumina (short-read) and Oxford Nanopore/PacBio (long-read).
- 2. High Yield and Quality:** Ensures extraction of high molecular weight DNA, critical for long-read sequencing, and minimizes shearing, ensuring DNA quality remains intact.
- 3. Broad Spectrum:** Efficiently lyses both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacterial cells, capturing the genetic diversity within a sample.

Materials

- ZymoBIOMICSTM DNA Miniprep Kit (D4300) – can be stored at RT
- Disruptor Genie® or Vortex (Zymo Research: S6001-2-120)
- 1.5 mL microfuge tube (Eppendorf™ 022431021) and rack
- 5 or 15 ml tube
- 10µl Inoculating Loop, Individual Pack
- Filter tip 1000
- Filter tip 200
- Pipette set (1000, 200, 100, 10)
- Magnetic bead (Beckman Coulter: A63881) – store at 4°C (DO NOT FREEZE)
- Magnetic separation rack (NEB: S1506S)
- 100% Ethanol (prepare from 200 proof Ethanol 100%, RNase-free; Fisher Cat. BP2818-500)
- 75% Ethanol solution (prepare from 200 proof Ethanol 100%, RNase-free; Fisher Cat. BP2818-500)
- Nuclease-free water (NFW) (NEB: B1500S)
- Biohazard bag
- Gloves
- DNA quality check
 - o Qubit™ dsDNA BR Assay Kit (Catalog number: Q32850)
 - o Qubit™ Fluorometer
 - o Agarose gel electrophoresis system
 - o DNA ladder (1 kb and high molecular weight DNA marker)
 - o TAE buffer (Thermo Fisher: FERB49)
 - o Sybersafe (Invitrogen: S33102)
 - o NanoDrop™ Spectrophotometers
 - o Microwave
 - o 1 kb DNA ladder (Thermo Fisher: 10787018)
 - o High Molecular weight DNA ladder (GeneRuler™ High Range DNA Ladder) (Thermo Fisher: SM1351)

Troubleshooting

Safety warnings

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 - Prepare samples within a Class II Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC).
 - Dispose of waste solutions in designated biohazard containers or bags.
 - When pipetting, take precautions to reduce aerosol formation.

- 1 ZymoBIOMICSTTM DNA Extraction (following the manufacturer's instruction except for beat beating time) (reference no. 1)
 - 1.1. Add 750 µl ZymoBIOMICSTTM Lysis Solution to the ZR BashingBeadTM Lysis Tubes.
 - 1.2 Pick up bacterial isolates (whole plate) using inoculate loop and add them to the tube and cap tightly.
 - 1.3. Secure in a bead beater or vortex with a 2 ml tube and process at maximum speed for 3 minutes (modified from original protocol which suggests to beat for 20 minutes).
 - 1.4. Centrifuge the ZR BashingBeadTM Lysis Tubes in a microcentrifuge at $\geq 10,000 \times g$ for 1 minute.
 - 1.5. Transfer up to 400 µl supernatant to the Zymo-SpinTM III-F Filter in a Collection Tube and centrifuge at $8,000 \times g$ for 1 minute. Discard the Zymo-SpinTM III-F Filter. Discard the Zymo-SpinTM III-F Filter.
 - 1.6. Add 1,200 µl of ZymoBIOMICSTTM DNA Binding Buffer to the filtrate in the Collection Tube (from Step 1.5 Step 1.5). Mix well.
 - 1.7. Transfer 800 µl of the mixture from Step 5 to a Zymo-SpinTM IIC-Z Column in a Collection Tube and centrifuge at $10,000 \times g$ for 1 minute.
 - 1.8. Discard the flow through from the Collection Tube and repeat Step 1.7 repeat Step 1.7.
 - 1.9. Add 400 µl ZymoBIOMICSTTM DNA Wash Buffer 1 to the Zymo-SpinTM IIC-Z Column in a new collection Tube and centrifuge at $10,000 \times g$ for 1 minute. Discard the flow-through.
 - 1.10. Add 700 µl ZymoBIOMICSTTM DNA Wash Buffer 2 to the Zymo-SpinTM IIC-Z Column in a Collection Tube and centrifuge at $10,000 \times g$ for 1 minute. Discard the flow-through.
 - 1.11. Add 200 µl ZymoBIOMICSTTM DNA Wash Buffer 2 to the Zymo-SpinTM IIC-Z Column in a Collection Tube and centrifuge at $10,000 \times g$ for 1 minute.
 - 1.12. Transfer the Zymo-SpinTM IIC-Z Column to a clean 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube and add 100 µl (50 µl minimum) NFW directly to the column matrix and incubate for 1 minute. Centrifuge at $10,000 \times g$ for 1 minute to elute the DNA.
 - 1.13. Place a Zymo-SpinTM III-HRC Filter in a new Collection Tube and add 600 µl ZymoBIOMICSTTM HRC Prep Solution. Centrifuge at $8,000 \times g$ for 3 minutes.
 - 1.14. Transfer the eluted DNA (Step 1.12 Step 1.12) to a prepared Zymo-SpinTM III-HRC Filter in a clean 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube and centrifuge at $16,000 \times g$ for 3 minutes. The filtered DNA is now ready for the cleanup step.
- 2 (Optional) DNA clean-up using magnetic beads using magnetic beads (modified from reference no. 2)
 - 2.1. Allow magnetic bead reagent to come to room temperature prior to use.
 - 2.2. Mix the reagent well before use. It should appear homogenous and consistent in color (called mixture).
 - 2.3. Add 1 volume of the mixture to 1 volume of sample. For example, adding 80 µl bead to 80 µl extracted DNA.

- 2.4. Gently pipette up and down 10 times and gently flick the tube for 5 times then spin down (1-2 second).
- 2.5. Incubate the mixture at room temperature for 5-10 minutes.
- 2.6. Place the mixture onto magnetic separation rack for 3 minutes to separate beads from solution
- 2.7. Prepare fresh 80% ethanol (400 μ l ethanol and 100 μ l NFW).
- 2.8. Aspirate the cleared solution from the reaction tube and discard. This step must be performed while the reaction tube is situated on the magnetic separation rack. Do not disturb the area of magnetic beads.
- 2.9. Dispense 200 μ l of 80% ethanol to reaction tube and incubate for 1 minute at room temperature. Aspirate out the ethanol and discard. Repeat for a total of two washes.
- 2.10. Remove the tube from the magnetic separation rack and spin down the tube (1 second). Then, place the tube onto magnetic separation rack and use 10 μ l pipette to aspirate out the remained ethanol and discard.
- 2.11. Place the reaction tube on bench top to air-dry for 3-10 minutes. Be sure to allow the dry (not shiny).
- 2.12. Add 40 μ l of nuclease free water to each tube of the reaction and flicking 5 times or until no clump and perform spin down (1-2 second). Incubate for 2 minutes.
- 2.13. Place the tube onto magnetic separation rack and use 10 μ l pipette to aspirate out the DNA in the NFW and put into the new tube.
- 2.14. Label and aliquot purified DNA into 2 tubes (for Illumina and Nanopore). Store aliquoted DNA at -20°C , unless proceeding to the downstream application.

3 Determining DNA quality

- 3.1. Purity: Apply 1 μ l of DNA. Use the NanoDrop™ to measure absorbance and record sample purity. The OD 260/280 ratio should be 1.8 and OD 260/230 should be 2.0-2.2.
- 3.2. Concentration: Apply 1 μ l of DNA. Use the Qubit™ to measure concentration (reference no. 3).
- 3.3. Integrity: Apply 1-5 μ l of DNA. Use the 0.8% Agarose gel to check the integrity (reference no. 4). Load 1 kb DNA ladder on the first lane and high molecular weight DNA ladder on the last lane. After running the gel electrophoresis, high integrity of DNA will locate above 10 kb in the area of high molecular weight DNA ladder.

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